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Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: Solemn appeal by the President of the General Assembly (A/72/700) [item 11]

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/72/L.31) [item 66 (b)]

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

10:00 to 13:00	Informal briefing (closed)	Conference Room 1
	Informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations by the Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations	

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

10:00 to 13:00	Open briefing	Conference Room 7
	Statement by the Chair of the Committee	
	Presentation of the midterm report of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	
	Statements by the Permanent Representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Burundi; the Republic of the Congo (Chair of the ICGLR); Rwanda; Tanzania and Uganda	
	Statements from Member States	

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00	1899th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8
	The situation in Somalia (UNSOM and AMISOM)	
	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)	

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic

15:00 to 18:00	Open briefing	Conference Room 7
	Statement by the Chair of the Committee	

Statement by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic

Statements from Member States

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

15:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

On the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development"

Convened by the Vice-Chair, Bruno Rios (Mexico)

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

10:00 to 13:00 9th plenary meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

UNOPS segment

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UNFPA Segment (continued)

Evaluation

Formative evaluation on the UNFPA innovation initiative and management response

Quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2018-2021

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Joint segment

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Reports of UNDP and UNOPS on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2016

UNFPA report on the follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2016: Status of implementation of recommendations

Other matters

Adoption of pending decisions

Organizational matters

Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2018

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Monday, 29 January 2018

15:00 Conference Room 3

Briefing by the Co-Chairs of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, convened by the President of the General Assembly pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/208

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thursday, 1 and Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org; 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

Informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations by the Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Conduct and Discipline including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse; and Mine action

Monday, 12 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 12 February 2018, to Friday, 9 March 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 February 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee become members at the following session of the Committee" (A/AC.121/2018/L.1, A/72/573, A/72/573/Add.1 and A/AC.121/2018/L.2 (to be issued)).

Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria), and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

Delegations are urged to register through the e-deleGATE Portal, if they wish to be inscribed on the list of speakers.

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed 10 minutes, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *two hours* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery.

Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 20 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour* before delivery of the statement.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Background information on the Special Committee will be available and accessible to Committee members and observers on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2018 session from 20 February 2018 to 28 February 2018.

The provisional agenda for the session is available on the website of the Special Committee (A/AC.182/L.147).

Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on 20 February 2018, is open.

Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations.

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (6thcommittee@un.org).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Thursday, 22 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat of the Special Committee the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2018. States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2018 session of the Special Committee should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat (Mr. Irfan Soomro, soomroi@un.org) (A/AC.109/2018/L.1 and A/AC.109/2018/L.2).

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-sixth session

Monday, 5 to Friday 9 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Plenary meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Plenary meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 29 January 2018 to Friday, 2 February 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 February 2018 to Friday, 2 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 March 2018 to Friday, 16 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Twelfth session

Burundi configuration

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to13:00 Informal meeting Conference Room 7

Peacebuilding Commission
Twelfth session

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00 1st plenary meeting Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session (PBC/11/OC/L.1 and PBC/11/OC/1 (to be issued)))

Election of officers

Workplan of the Peacebuilding Commission

Other matters

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

Thursday, 1 February 2018

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

Friday, 2 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Meeting with the Sudan and regional States	
	Other matters	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 17:00	Youth forum breakout session	Trusteeship Council Chamber
17:00 to 18:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 to 11:30	Youth forum breakout session	Trusteeship Council Chamber
11:30 to 13:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its youth forum on the theme "The role of youth in building sustainable and resilient urban and rural communities".

In view of the interactive nature of this event, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *3 minutes* (5 minutes for groups).

All are invited to attend.

Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the secretariat of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum no later than *13:00, on 26 January 2018*, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room (pricec@un.org and simonp@un.org).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers, only those who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat by *26 January 2018*, will have reserved seats in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Youth Forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept notes, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council (*click here*); or by contacting the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (simonp@un.org).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2018 regular session

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 1
	Election of officers [item 1]	
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/C.2/2018/1) [item 2]	
	Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat [item 5]	
	General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]	
	Consideration of special reports [item 7]	
	New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]	
15:00 to 18:00	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1
	New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]	
	Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail lomaia@un.org with a copy to leu@un.org).	
	Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.	

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-sixth session

Monday, 29 January, to Wednesday, 7 February 2018

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00	Opening meeting	Conference Room 4
	The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2018/1. For further information on the fifty-sixth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.	
	For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal, which is available.	
	Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who registered the composition of their delegations in the e-deleGATE portal, *by Wednesday*,	

24 January 2018, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) and item 3 b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Monday, 29 January 2018.

Requests for inscription from permanent missions and observer States for the joint general discussion on sub-items 3 (a) and 3 (b) should be sent through the e-Speakers module of the e-deleGATE portal (*click here*).

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of request for inscription. Intergovernmental organizations, entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe with the *list of speakers* are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *twelve minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart* services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations. For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 25 January 2018

Security Council

[archived video]

8167th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Estonia, Iceland, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Mr. João Pedro Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz, Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States to the United Nations, and His Excellency Mr. Fodé Seck, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mladenov (via video-teleconference from Jerusalem).

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the representative of the United States, the Russian Federation, China, the Netherlands, Kuwait, Sweden, France, Ethiopia, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Poland, the United Kingdom, Equatorial Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Peru, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Kazakhstan.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Asim, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Cuba, Pakistan and Indonesia.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. de Almeida (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its Member States; the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and a potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Jordan.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Abdelaziz.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Botswana, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Estonia, Argentina, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil, Morocco, Turkey (speaking on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), the United Arab Emirates (speaking on behalf of the Arab Group), Norway, Iraq, Iceland, Egypt, Qatar and Bangladesh.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Seck.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Malaysia.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

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Other meetings

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Friday, 26 January 2018

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Social Development)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link below *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/251 and A/72/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development of a Global Pact for the Environment" (under agenda item 14) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Thursday, 1 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 6

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European States Group

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 11:00 Closed meeting Conference Room A

Eastern European States Group (at the expert level)

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 12:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 29 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 29 January 2018

15:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Ms. United Nations Holocaust Memorial Ceremony on the theme "Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility" in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (organized by the Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

11:00 to 13:00 General Assembly Hall

All are invited. To register, please *click here*.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Round table discussion "The Way Forward of the United Nations Development System on Middle-Income Countries" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus and Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tamara Kharashun (tamara.kharashun@gmail.com; tel. 212-772-2354) and Mr. Diego Padilla (e-mail dpadilla@misioncronu.org, tel. 212-986-6373).

Development Policy Seminar on "Understanding Bitcoin, Blockchains and the Crypto Economy" (organized by the Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 1 February 2018

14:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Gerard Reyes (reyes1@un.org; 212-963-1487).

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